

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS

IN CHARGE OF
LINDA RICHARDS

THE new entrance building at the Pennsylvania Hospital is nearing completion. The building, which is to be used for administration purposes, will cost sixty thousand dollars, and it is expected that it will be finished by December 1. It is one story with basement, and is of brick with white limestone trimmings and colonial style in architecture. The entrance-door is eleven feet high and faces the Eighth-Street gateway. The steps approaching the building are of massive granite, and granite pillars flank the door-way.

THE Burlington County Insane Asylum, on the County Farm, near the Almshouse, at Lisbon, New Jersey, is nearly completed.

PLANS have been accepted for a new building at the State Hospital, Rochester, New York. The building when completed will accommodate five hundred patients.

A WONDERFUL new hospital has just been built in Paris which promises to make a revolution in the world of medicine. It was the dream of Pasteur's life, and, strangely enough, a few days before his death the large funds necessary for the purpose were offered anonymously to this great man, and he had the pleasure during his last days on earth of knowing that one of his dearest ambitions would be fulfilled. The hospital stands opposite the Pasteur Institute. The building consists of isolated blocks joined by underground corridors. There is a beautiful winter garden and a summer garden for patients.

The whole system is worked on the plan of disinfection and isolation. On entering the hospital the patient is given a bath. He is then put into hospital clothes and put to bed, in which he is wheeled to an isolating-room. The room he has just left is disinfected; so are his clothes. The system is so planned that infection would be impossible. Each block contains twenty-four rooms containing one bed each, and two wards for convalescents with twelve beds. The air-space of each room is thirty-nine cubic metres instead of the regulation thirty. At

present diphtheritic patients and persons bitten by rabid animals are being treated, but the hospital is not to be confined to these cases when the entire building is complete. It is a splendid memorial to one of the most wonderful men the world has ever seen.

THE corner-stone of the Aurelia Osborn Fox Hospital, at Oneonta, New York, was laid October 5. The hospital is a gift to Oneonta from Colonel Reuben L. Fox, secretary of the Republican State Committee. It will cost twelve thousand dollars, and is erected to the memory of Colonel Fox's wife.

St. Louis, Missouri, is to have a germ-proof hospital, the first of its kind ever built. There will not be a crack or corner in the whole hospital in which a germ or speck of dust can rest.

Bacteria, microbes, and other insidious agents of disease will be fought scientifically. The institution will be stairless. This is a new feature in hospital building and very necessary. Gradual inclines will do away with the labor of climbing steps.

The corners of the rooms and halls will be rounded at the ceilings and floors. This expedites the cleaning of rooms and insures the absolute removal of the most minute particles of dust. The floors will be of vitrified tile, and the wainscoting of enamelled brick. The hospital will be absolutely fire-proof. The ventilation will be as nearly perfect as possible, and there will be an abundance of sunlight.

The system of sterilization will be extensive and complete. It will embrace even the laundry. Every drop of hot and cold water will be thoroughly sterilized. The system of sterilization of the clothes of the surgeons and nurses, as well as for dressings and instruments, will be of the latest invention. Everything must go into a machine capable of having live steam at a temperature of 1000°. There will be no chance for any germ to live or be conveyed by contact.

SAN FRANCISCO, California, has the largest and most finely equipped military hospital in the United States. It covers six acres of ground. The buildings, which are of wood, are built around a court and are on the pavilion plan. These buildings have wide corridors opening on to the court.

There are sheltered verandas with floors a little on the incline, to avoid steps for patients to climb, and these verandas are glass-enclosed in places exposed to the prevailing winds.

There are ten long, sunny, airy, cheerful wards, each with its sun-room, linen-closet, pantry, bath-room, and lavatory. Each ward has

forty beds of the most approved hospital style. The bedside tables are glass-topped with enamelled iron frames. There are plenty of comfortable arm- and rocking-chairs. A generous supply of patients' clothing is provided for each ward, besides an abundance of bed- and table-linen. There is an up-to-date operating-room with all of the modern appliances, and in connection with it a dressing-room for patients. The hospital has a library and reading-room with a good piano, and a congregate dining-room for convalescents.

The kitchen, store-rooms, and refrigerators are large and complete in arrangement. The institution has its own electric-light plant, its own ice plant, disinfecting department, printing office, post-office, carpenter-shop, and a general property-room, where each patient's belongings have a separate pigeon-hole. One finds displayed here thought, care, and system,—system which differs from “red tape,”—and this is noticeable from the front door to the remotest corner of ashes.

MISS FANNIE BAXLEY and Miss B. C. Searles, of Oakland, California, have taken a house and have fitted it up for the accommodation of patients. A number of the local physicians have taken an interest in the work, and these nurses have been gratified to find, after an experiment of two months, that the venture is a success. They have room for twelve patients, most of whom are afflicted with troubles which prevent their admission to regular hospitals which refuse to take incurables.

THE annual graduating exercises of the Williamsport Hospital Training-School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, took place at Association Hall on the evening of November 1. The annual address was delivered by Dr. Hare, of Philadelphia. After the exercises a reception was held at the new Ida Hayes McCormick Home for Nurses, which was at that time formally turned over to the hospital trustees by the generous donor, Mrs. H. C. McCormick, wife of ex-Attorney-General Henry C. McCormick.

PLANS have been prepared for the erection of a new hospital for the insane at Jenkintown and Torresdale Avenues, east of Ogontz, Pennsylvania.

THE graduating exercises of the Elizabeth General Hospital Training-School, Elizabeth, New Jersey, were held on October 15. Eight nurses were graduated.

WORK on the new addition to the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware, is so far advanced that some idea of its general appearance

can be formed. When finished it will be an attractive building and complete in equipment.

ON the afternoon of October 25 the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children, Closson and St. Mark's Avenues, Brooklyn, New York, held its annual reception and harvest offering. Stores for the winter, delicacies for the sick, and considerable money were received.

ST. ANTHONY'S HOSPITAL, Bemidji, Minnesota, has been completed. The building is strictly modern throughout. This institution is under the management of the Sisters of St. Benedict, of Duluth.

THE Meyers Hospital, Sodus, New York, has been opened. It will accommodate forty patients.

THE Alumnae of St. Luke's Hospital Training-School, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, met in the Administration Building of the institution, Thursday, October 18, at two P.M. A very good number of members were present.

In accordance with a vote taken last year to appropriate a certain amount of the funds yearly to add to the comfort or convenience of the Nurses' Home, the sum of fifty dollars was given to purchase rugs for the bedrooms.

There being no new business, the election of officers followed. Miss Parish was elected president, with Miss Dorrance vice-president, Mrs. Munn secretary, and Mrs. Edwards treasurer.

The Ladies' Aid Society, which met in the adjoining parlor at the same hour, very generously offered to furnish new felt mattresses for the nurses' beds.

This society has during the past year presented the school with a fine skeleton. The Library Fund, started by Mrs. Robert Sayre, Sr., has been drawn from to supply many much-needed text-books.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1900 followed the alumnae meeting. Medical and surgical reports were read by Dr. Estes, physician and surgeon-in-chief. The financial report was read by Dr. Chandler. At the close of this report Dr. Chandler announced that an endowment fund of ten thousand dollars for the support of the children's ward, the gift of Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Sr., had been received, and that Mr. Samuel C. Thomas, of Catasauqua, would build a new operating-pavilion. Both gifts were received with much enthusiasm. At the close of the exercises a tea was given by the alumnae to the nurses, to which many of the Ladies' Aid remained. It is proposed to increase the number of nurses in the training-school the coming year.

THE commencement exercises of the Erie County Hospital Training-School, Buffalo, New York, took place in the Nurses' Cottage on the evening of October 31.

The cottage was very prettily decorated in pink and white, the school colors. The graduates, eleven in number, preceded by the medical superintendent, Dr. E. J. Gilroy; the superintendent of nurses, Miss Emma J. Keating; the night superintendent, Mrs. M. M. Davis; the nursery matron, Mrs. Adele M. Swain, and the undergraduates, thirty-five in number, entered the audience-room at eight-thirty. The exercises consisted of addresses and music, followed by the awarding of the diplomas by Dr. A. A. Hubbell, and the presenting of the badges by Dr. F. S. Crego, after which Miss Emma J. Keating, superintendent of the school, administered the Hippocratic oath, and the exercises were closed by a dedicatory prayer.

Refreshments were served in the dining-room to the large number of guests and friends of the nurses, after which dancing was enjoyed until midnight. This was the fifth annual commencement. There are now seventy graduates of the school, which was organized in 1894. Beginning with the year 1900, the school extends over a period of three years, instead of two years, as in the past.

A GATHERING of unusual interest took place at the Temple Café, Toronto, Ontario, at two-thirty P.M. on October 16, when the graduates of the Training-School for Nurses in the Toronto General Hospital met at luncheon. Among those present were Miss Snively, superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital; Miss Dugald, assistant superintendent; Miss Sheppard, of Guelph; Miss Chilman, of Stratford; Miss Bowman, of Hamilton; Miss Hollingsworth, of St. Catherine's; Miss Scott, Miss Tweedle, Miss Sharp, Miss Davis, Miss Bowerman, Miss McKellar, Miss Bailey, Miss Stewart, Miss Craig, Miss Gladstone, Miss Roberts, Miss Holdons, Miss Gordon, Miss Munsey, Miss Burkholder, Dr. Helen MacMurchy, and Miss Katharine Lawson. The tables were arranged in buffet style about a centre-table which bore a beautiful centre-piece of crimson and pink roses. Vases of roses were placed on the smaller tables, while sprays of roses were scattered about on the white cloths.

The menu was elaborate, consisting of soup, entrée, roast, vegetables, salad, ice-cream, coffee, and lemonade. There were toasts and responses.

After the luncheon the annual business meeting was held, when most satisfactory reports were presented by the secretary, Miss Sharp, and the treasurer, Miss Dugald.

The attention of the alumni was devoted to the discussion of two important matters,—first, a home for graduate nurses, to be open to all general nurses, who will have a place for rest and retirement, congenial society, and the enjoyment of intercourse with kindred spirits, and, second, the formation of a sick-benefit association. In connection with this association, there shall be an endowed bed either in the General Hospital or in the proposed home.

Both matters met with the fullest approval of the alumni, and steps will be taken during the coming year to secure some tangible result of the deliberations.

WORK was commenced on the new Quarantine Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 25. The contractors are under bonds to complete the hospital in seventy days from the time the work was started. This hospital will cost when complete about twelve thousand dollars. The site upon which it is being built is on high ground and near the Detention Hospital, which was built last winter. When the new building is finished the old one will be burned.

At the close of its first year, Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, pronounces the experimental Consumption Hospital at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, an unqualified success. Fort Stanton was chosen because the climatic conditions in that part of New Mexico have been pronounced by experts the finest in the world for pulmonary diseases. Consumptive patients from the Marine Hospital Service hospitals all over the country were transferred to the hospital, and other patients were also received.

Several wonderful cures have been wrought, while with one or two exceptions patients have shown marked improvement within a few days after arrival. Fort Bayard, New Mexico, where climatic conditions are the same, has been turned over to the surgeon-general and will be conducted as a general hospital for soldier patients.

THE beautiful new Farren Hospital, at Montague City, Massachusetts, which was begun one year ago last spring, was dedicated October 23. The beautiful building, which Mr. Farren has erected as a memorial to his son, is the result of ten years of careful study and thought.

HEBREW women of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, are working on a scheme to establish a new hospital. They have seven thousand dollars in hand. Persons are induced to join a society and pledge themselves to pay ten cents per week. The society has over four hundred members.

THE Board of Trustees of the State Insane Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, announces that the two new annexes, erected at a cost of forty thousand dollars, will be ready for occupancy by December 1. When these two buildings are opened it is expected that a large number of unfortunates now confined in county jails and those being cared for by relatives will be taken to the hospital. The hospital has been too crowded to admit any new patients for months, and the annexes are sadly needed.

OFFICIALS of the Department of Charities in Brooklyn, New York, have asked for one hundred and forty-nine thousand dollars to improve, equip, and maintain the Homœopathic Hospital on Cumberland Street. When the hospital was acquired by the city it was equipped as a private institution. It was not fitted for the purposes of the Charities Department. It formerly accommodated one hundred patients. It is proposed to so change and enlarge it that it will accommodate two hundred and thirty-six patients. There will be a public dispensary, which will cost considerable to equip. The Charities Department desires to open the hospital at the earliest possible date, as it is badly needed.

AT Atlanta, Georgia, a petition has been filed in the Superior Court asking that a charter be granted incorporating "The Hospital of the Atlanta Circle of King's Daughters and Sons." This hospital will be for incurables.

THE new Emergency Hospital, of Columbus, Ohio, was formally turned over to the city on October 13. The hospital has been in that part of the prison known as "the wooden cells." It was a dingy and uninviting-looking place. Chief of Police Tyler conceived the idea of an Emergency Hospital for the city, the members of the Council approved, and a resolution was introduced and passed authorizing the changing of that portion of the prison into a hospital.

FORT CROOK, Nebraska, has a grant of twenty thousand dollars to build an extension to the Military Hospital. It is to be an independent building of brick on stone foundations which will harmonize with the other buildings. The hospital now accommodates thirty patients and has not the conveniences of a well-regulated hospital. These will be provided in the new wing.

THE Atlantic Coast-Line Railway has completed its Relief Hospital at Rocky Mount, North Carolina. It is in charge of Dr. Man-

ning, son of the late Hon. John Manning, dean of the Law School at the University of North Carolina.

THE Daughters of the American Revolution, of Syracuse, New York, have honored the memory of Miss Clara Ward—a young army nurse who volunteered for the Spanish-American War under the D. A. R. auspices, and died at Fort Meyer of typhoid fever contracted at her post of duty—by placing a brass tablet on the wall of the Syracuse Hospital for Women and Children, from the training-school of which Miss Ward was graduated. Sunday, October 28, the anniversary of Miss Ward's death, was chosen as the day for unveiling the tablet. Appropriate services, in which the Children of the Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, and Onondaga Historical Association took part, were held at the unveiling.

THE total population of the several State Insane Hospitals of New York, according to returns at hand for the year ending September 30, has increased by seven hundred and fourteen over the previous year.

MISS ERIKA PAULUS, twenty-five years of age, has been commissioned to build a hospital in Mediasoh, Germany. She is the daughter of an engineer, and has already planned and erected several fine, large buildings.

A TWO-STORY brick laboratory, fifty by twenty-five feet, and costing twenty thousand dollars, is to be built by the city as an addition to the Willard Parker Hospital, Sixteenth Street and East River, New York City.

MISS EBERSOLE, graduate of the Illinois Training-School, Chicago, Illinois, and for a number of years in charge of the training-school at the Freedmen's Hospital (colored) in Washington, D. C., where her work was very distinguished, has been offered and accepted a position in Howard University (colored, of which the hospital is a department). She is superintendent of the college hall for young women and instructor in anatomy and physiology and domestic science.

NEW WHATCOM, Washington, is to have a new hospital, which will, when completed, cost twenty-five thousand dollars. Bishop O'Dea, of the Diocese of Nisqually, which embraces the ecclesiastical seats of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, laid the corner-stone September 25.

THE Union Hospital Corporation of Fall River, Massachusetts, is a consolidation of the Fall River and Emergency Hospitals, and will build a large union hospital on the site deeded to the corporation by Hon. John S. Brayton. The new hospital will cost one hundred thousand dollars.

THE Woman's Hospital Association of Batavia, New York, has received plans for the buildings which will be part of the hospital system. The plans are those of the contagious ward and a building for emergency cases. These buildings will be put up at once.

THE new receiving pavilion at Bellevue Hospital, New York, is nearing completion.

THE new Polish hospital, St. Mary's of Nazareth, for which the foundation is now being laid at the corner of Lowell and Thomas Streets, Chicago, Illinois, will be in its plan and equipment the most modern hospital in the city. It will occupy an entire block, and when completed is to cost two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

It is expected to be ready for occupancy by October, 1901. The building follows the French renaissance style of architecture, and will be constructed of stone and pressed brick. The hospital is being built by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, a Polish society organized in 1874.

THE agents of Mrs. Leland Stanford are negotiating to secure certain of the Paris Exposition buildings which can be taken apart and erected upon ground already purchased in a pleasant suburb of Paris to serve as an American hospital. Such an institution is more and more needed with the growing number of Americans of both sexes employed by United States firms opening branches in France. The English colony maintains a splendidly appointed hospital, but though American patients are occasionally admitted, lack of room often precludes it. Mrs. Stanford will not only give the land and buildings, but a sufficient endowment to maintain sixty beds and the staff needed.

CORRECTIONS.—In the November number, page 148, New Home Hospital should read, New Haven Hospital.

Page 150, Martin Hospital should read, Morton Hospital.